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As a systems analyst and software engineer with 7 years of experience I'd like to comment on the proposed final judgement in United States v. Microsoft.

In my opinion the settlement does very little to increase the opportunities to compete with Microsoft's operating system products, or it's middleware and application products.

Namely, it does not prevent Microsoft from raising any barrier it wants against companies who wish to create 'Microsoft-compatible' operating systems or applications. This is already evident in the Microsoft Platform SDK EULA which allows it's use solely with a "Microsoft Operating System Product."

It would also continue to allow the exclusionary practices Microsoft is guilty of today, such as it's discrimination against Open Source platforms as seen in the Microsoft Windows Media Encoder 7.1 SDK EULA which prohibits distribution on Open Source operating systems. Recently there have been other Microsoft applications whose EULA allows its use solely on platforms arbitrarily selected by Microsoft.

The Proposed Final Judgment as written allows and encourages significant anticompetitive practices to continue, therefore, the Proposed Final Judgment is not in the public interest, and should not be adopted without addressing these issues.

Thank you,
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